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"The Wings of Task Force Eagle"

Perry: Bosnia operation exceeding expectations

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TASZAR AIR BASE, Hungary (AFNS) -- U.S. forces deployed to help keep peace in Bosnia should be finished with their mission by the end of the year although work may remain beyond that time, according to U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry.

"I'm confident we will continue to meet (milestones established by the Dayton Peace Accords) on schedule and have the implementation force, or IFOR, mission completed at the end of the year," Perry said during a visit here July 2.

A decision about what type of force, if any, is required when the IFOR mission is complete, will be made later this year, he said.

"At the North Atlantic Treaty Organization ministers meeting this fall, the ministers will discuss whether NATO should take over the other security responsibilities in Bosnia. I don't want to speculate on what the outcome will be," Perry said.

He said each milestone established by the Dayton Peace Accords has so far been met by the multi-national peace implementation force, adding that military operations in Bosnia are going so well that "we've compounded everybody's expectations."

In fact, Perry said, the IFOR success has allowed changes in force structure.

"We are not changing the total number of forces, that will remain the same. However, we are moving out two armored

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Task Force Eagle Scoreboard



Scheduled:	3,292
Total Flown:	2,719
PAX:	19,415
Cargo (Short Tons):	23,015
Vehicles:	1,275

4100th SPs perform vital mission

by Capt. John Pope
4100th Group (P) Public Affairs

Security Police provide a vital function at every base across the Air Force, but in few places do such a small group of dedicated "cops" do as large of job as the deployed members of the 86th Security Police Squadron do at Tuzla Air Base.

The 4100th Security Police Flight (Provisional), composed of 28 members deployed from the 86th, performs two major missions at Tuzla Air Base. They provide all security for the airfield itself, safeguarding aircraft and Air Force assets on the ramp, and they escort all Air Force Convoys going off base.

"Basically, we provide security for the other Air Force people who work out here," said MSgt. K.C. Rauwald, NCOIC 4100th Group (P) Security Police. "If we can't provide a secure environment, planes won't go in and out."

Protecting Air Force resources on the Airfield is especially important in a potentially hostile environment, like the former Yugoslavia.

"If we weren't doing our job, if we screwed up and something happened to an aircraft, it would be the loss of a priority resource -- what the Air Force calls a war fighting asset," said Capt. Douglas Brick, 4100th Group (P) Security Police Chief.

"The Airfield is wide open. That's why every time a plane comes into Tuzla you'll see one of

our patrols nearby," added Rauwald.

Guarding the airfield brings the security police into close contact with the army troops guarding the base perimeter, which is only a few hundred feet from the runway in some places.

"We've maintained a good relationship with the Army people we deal with," said Brick.

The limited number of personnel guarding the Air Field, however, means that the security police must perform a greater variety of tasks on a daily basis than their Army counterparts.

"They (the army) have one unit that only guards the base gate, another that only escorts the general, etc.," said Brick. "With the Air Force you have 28 security police to choose from for any mission. Everybody does convoy, everybody does aircraft security and everyone mans the Entry Control Point (ECP)."

The security police work eight hour shifts at Tuzla, but perform different tasks during that time to break up the monotony. Typically, a security police member works half the shift on the ECP and the other on patrol.

Though most of a security member's waking hours are spent at the Airfield, the most exciting part of the job is escorting convoys leaving the base. Convoys go out for a variety of reasons: to contract items on the local economy, to pick up supplies from outlying army camps or to perform

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(U.S. Air Force image by Capt. John Pope)

Amn. Bryson Lunderville checks IDs at the Tuzla Airfield Entry Control Point (ECP)



(Photo by 55th Sig. Co. (Combat Camera))

U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry is met by Maj. Gen. William Nash, Task Force Eagle Commander, at the Tuzla airfield July 4. Perry toured Tuzla and several outlying army camps in the B-H theater

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units and moving in two military police units because, basically, the IFOR mission which requires the armored units has been quite successful and they

aren't needed any longer.

"It's easy to forget now that when our forces came in here many people were predicting that we would have to fight a war. We brought in a force that was sufficiently strong enough to meet that predication," Perry said.

Army Gen. George A. Joulwan, Supreme Allied commander, Europe, and commander in chief, U.S. European Command, said an analysis on requirements for the next six months led to the adjustment in the forces. He said the force adjustment will "happen not only in the American force, but throughout the entire NATO force."

Perry ensured his enthusiasm for the success IFOR has enjoyed wasn't lost on the people deployed here in support of the peace operations.

"Nothing happens in Bosnia without your efforts. This base has given indispensable support to the IFOR operation. This is the vital link in the chain of our operation," Perry said.

"You can all be very, very proud of the role you're playing. You have given the Bosnians a chance for a peaceful life and a chance to rebuild their country. We have several milestones to reach in the next six months, and it's still a hard road ahead for the Bosnians after that, but you have made a difference and your country thank you for that," he said.

Earlier in the day the Defense chief took time to thank the Hungarian people for their support.

"Our successes in this region symbolize the kind of support we have in Hungary," he said. "Not just the facilities and the business cooperation, but the warm hospitality the Hungarian people give us. Our soldiers will never forget the warm hospitality you've rendered."

Senior airmen "show" for duty

*by SSgt. Joseph Garrison
29th MPAD*

It was the 4th of July and Air Force 1st Sgt. Terry L. Speer and Master Sgt. Raymond J. Alwine wanted to do something for their airmen, guarding the entrance gate at Eagle Base Tuzla's airstrip.

"We had a pair of airmen on the gate, and the 49er cheerleaders and Gin Blossoms band was performing for the troops so we wanted to do something for them," said Speer, the 1st Sgt. of the 4100 Group (Provisional).

"We relieved the Airmen to see the show and even gave up my back stage pass as well," added Speer who calls Feeport Penn. home.

Alwine, a financial specialist who is also with the 4100 Group (Provisional) also relieved one of his security policemen on the gate for the July 4th festivities.

"It was funny to see the expression on their faces as we relieved them," said Alwine, a native of Philadelphia, Pa. "They were so happy to see us and able to go to the show, and it proved that we care about them."

A huge part of a 1st Sgt.'s role is to ensure proper unit morale and recreation and a the best

quality of life.

"So this, for me, this plays a large role in my job," said Speer, who spent most of his career as a security policeman.

"The 4th of July events are for improving moral, and that is why we came here to relieve these guys," added Speer. "And that is important, just to see their faces glow when we sent them off to the concert, it made their day and it made our day."

Alwine volunteered to serve a 90 day tour of duty in Bosnia.

"This is my first 4th of July away from home and I wanted to come here," said Alwine. "I did not make it to Desert Storm or any other deployment and I wanted to do something different and be apart of this."

Air Force security police control the traffic in and out of the air strip and perform vehicle patrols on the airstrips night and day.

"They are out there every day, so this was just a small gesture from us," said Speer. "But it was a big thing for them, and that made it all worth it."



(U.S. Army image by SSgt. Joseph Garrison)

MSgt. Terry "Sheriff" Speer and MSgt. Ray "Casper" Alwine do their best to do their duty to man the ECP.



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Communications flight*

Hometown: Norfolk, Va.

Age: 22

Specialty: Telephone Systems
Journeyman

Home Unit: 29th Communications
Squadron, Incirlik AFB, Turkey

Time in service: 3 years, 3 months

Time at Tuzla: 92 days

Deployed mission: Install, troubleshoot
and repair all DSN telephone service for the
4100th Group (P). Repair or coordinate
maintenance for 4100th Group (P) users of
MSE and VSAT telephones.

Hobbies: Reading, jogging and helping
people.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

In ten years I see myself as the CEO of my
own business, which would be directed at
helping troubled youth -- like helping them
find jobs and counseling.

What do you like most about Tuzla?

The closeness of the people, the solitude
and gaining a broader perspective of the Air
Force mission.

What do you like the least? Bickering,
disgruntled people.

Monthly winners announced

by Capt. John Pope

4100th Group (P) Public Affairs

The 4100th Group announced its monthly
award winners at a commanders call held today in
the R&R tent.

SrA. Roberto Rodriguez and SSgt. Curtis B.
Williams were named the airman and NCO,
respectively, of the month.

Rodriguez developed new procedures for
inprocessing arriving personnel. The system he
designed guarantees 100 percent of new personnel
are accounted for quickly, enabling the 4100th
Group to provide accurate and timely strength
reports to higher headquarters.

He also runs a weekly inprocessing program,
notifying briefers,
scheduling new
arrivals for the
session, and
monitoring the
briefing to ensure new
arrivals are familiar
with special
circumstances here at
Tuzla.



Rodriguez
ensured medical

screening was completed by all personnel
returning to their home stations prior to their
departing the theater.

In his free time, Rodriguez is an active member

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maintenance on off-base Non-Directional Beacons
(NDBs) -- but all convoys are organized,
commanded and escorted by the security police.

"The reason I call it our big money maker is
that once the supply chief called us the backbone
of the supply system," said Brick. "Nothing
comes in (to the Air Force) unless we go out and
get it."

The security police also provide basic convoy
training to other Air Force people going on the
convoys, teaching them basic protection measures
like how dismount the vehicle while under fire.

Since they've been here, the security police
deployed from Ramstein have made several
improvements to the operation.

"We improved the entry control point. When
we got here the guard house was made of ply
wood with only one seat and no protection for the
guards. We rebuilt it with heavier wood and sand
bags. Now the guards have some protection and
seats for two," said Brick.

Another new initiative isn't as visible, but is
just as critical to the mission. The security police
have trained several other 4100th Group (P)
members to augment them in case of emergencies.
So far, the SPs have trained 14 augmentees,

of the Eagle's Wing Unit Advisory Counsel.
Since being elected as vice president, he
contributed immensely to the morale of the entire
unit. Among other things, he assisted in building
volleyball and horseshoe courts, instituted a new
birthday celebration program and set up sales of
Eagle's Wing items through the PERSCO office.

Williams is an ardent supporter of training
who motivates subordinates with a blend of job
knowledge, encouragement and leadership
through example.



His efforts to
expand the 4100th
Group (P)'s telephone
capabilities led to him
to cross utilize three
different personnel
AFSCs, doubling the
number of qualified
switchboard
technicians. An
effective manager,

Williams delegated responsibility to revise and
update telephone books, resulting in an improved
guide that includes VSAT and MSE numbers,
expanded user information and a conversion chart
to aid dialing other systems.

Working with contractors, he also cut a cable
trench in the road by the passenger terminal, then
replaced and buried nearly 1000 ft. of cable that
had been damaged by heavy vehicle traffic.

Williams embraces challenges others have
found insurmountable. He discovered that the air
liaison maintenance facility had no telephones,
so he worked with other Task Force Eagles agencies
to get them an MSE connection.

increasing their potential manning by 50 percent.

"Augmentees would be used for things like an
increased terrorist threat, a disaster like an aircraft
going down, etc.," said Brick, adding that they
wouldn't be used for routine security police
tasks.

"The augmentees were taught basic security
police procedures, like use of the weapon,
communications procedures, how to issue
challenges, what to do if they see someone
suspicious, what our jurisdiction is, etc.," said
Rauwald.

The security police have had some unique
opportunities while deployed to Tuzla, like the
chance to provide protection for Russian aircraft.

"Five to ten years ago it would have been
unheard of for an American to guard a Russian
aircraft," said Brick. "Yet we've done just that
several times already here."

Even with all their duties and missions,
however, the security police person's day is often
filled with many long, hot hours of guard duty.

"That's the nature of being an SP," said Brick.
"There's months of boredom, then moments of
intense excitement. Luckily, we haven't had our
few moments of excitement here yet. That means
we're doing our job."